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ANNOUNCEMENT

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**THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES (DHR) WILL RELEASE
A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR THERAPEUTIC/SPECIALIZED
THERAPEUTIC FOSTER CARE (TFC/STFC) SERVICES FOR CHILDREN ON
THURSDAY, APRIL 05, 2012.**

The ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, (hereinafter referred to as “the Department”) seeks qualified vendors to provide *Therapeutic* and *Specialized Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC/STFC) Services for Children* in Alabama. *Therapeutic* and *Specialized Therapeutic Foster Care* are time-limited intensive interventions for children, who are in the custody of the state. These children are not able to live at home, and who fit the diagnostic and behavioral criteria set forth by the Department. *Therapeutic* and *Specialized Therapeutic Foster Care* provide less restrictive, community-based services for children whose special needs can be met through services delivered primarily by trained therapeutic foster parents. Therapeutic and specialized therapeutic foster parents work in full partnership with children, their families, and all other persons on the Child and Family Planning (ISP) Team. Proposals submitted in response to this solicitation must comply with the instructions and procedures described in the procurement document.

The RFP will be available by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 05, 2012, on the Department’s web site at www.dhr.alabama.gov. Click on the ANNOUNCEMENTS tab, then click on the RFP link entitled *Therapeutic/Specialized Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC/STFC) Services for Children*, this will take you directly to the RFP folder. You may also click on QUICK LINKS. Afterwards click on Requests for Proposals, then click on the RFP link entitled *Therapeutic/Specialized Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC/STFC) Services for Children*.

The initial contract term will be for a period of **two (2) years** beginning **October 01, 2012** and ending **September 30, 2014**. Renewals of contracts, as agreed upon by both parties, may be made at one **(1) year** intervals, or any interval that is advantageous to the Department, not to exceed a total of three **(3) years**, at the option of the Department. ***Selected vendors must be fully operational on October 01, 2012.***

If you are unable to access the RFP after its release, following the instructions above, notify Starr Stewart (starr.stewart@dhr.alabama.gov) immediately via email.